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‘I’ve Never Seen An Election Like This Before’

College Community Members Express Opinions on 2016 Presidential Election

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As the Lake Forest College students, faculty, and staff get ready to vote in this year’s presidential election, they reflect on the voter registration process and express their opinions concerning the 2016 presidential election.

“A lot of students don’t pay attention to politics,” Associate Professor of Politics James Marquardt said. “They’re confused about where to register and how to register, but having them vote is important.”

Marquardt is a deputy voter registrar. In this position, he worked to ensure that members of the College community knew how to register to vote in elections during the year.

Marquardt and another deputy voter registrar, Associate Director of the M/LS Program Carol Gayle, partnered with Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Robert Flot to send students emails about registering to vote. Gayle and Marquardt set up a table outside the cafeteria and were available for appointments to register students.

Gayle said, “We’ve registered 80 or 90 students. The students make comments saying they’re so excited to vote. The presidential year is a big year—the presidency is really what gets our attention.”

The efforts made by the College to register voters is entirely non-partisan. “No one talks politics, we’ve never had a conversation with stu-



dents about who they are voting for,” Marquardt said. “We don’t try to shape their decision making.”

Gayle said that some students she has spoken to have not been keen to vote. “Some students say, ‘I’m not going to register to vote because there’s no one good to vote for,’” Gayle said.

Gayle said she has noticed that many students had not yet decided on a candidate. Instead, they were still examining the candidate’s qualifications. “There’s a fair amount of engagement with qualifications,” Gayle said. “There are people not highly committed to their candidates. When they’re not choices that are clear-cut, it’s difficult. I sympathize with them.”

Two students expressed similar concerns about having a difficult choice to make.

“I don’t know who to vote for,” Paul Dunham ’17 said. “They’re both terrible options. You have to vote for someone, right? I’m still trying to figure out who the lesser of two evils is. I tend to be more conservative, but when the conservative candidate is insane, it makes things different.”

Justin Stevens ’17 said, “Donald Trump has a lot of things people don’t like about him, and people don’t like Hillary Clinton for a lot of good reasons, too.”

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Dr. Alex Lickerman Gives Talk on Resilience, First of Resiliency Program

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As part of its developing Resiliency Program, Lake Forest College hosted Dr. Alex Lickerman on November 2nd to speak on the topic of resilience. Lickerman’s talk was one of Lake Forest College’s signature Forester Five events focused on the theme of “Think With Purpose.”

Lickerman is the author of *The Undeclared Mind: On the Science of Constructing an Indestructible Self*, a book that combines Buddhist principles and scientific research to reveal the importance of resiliency



Pictured: Dr. Alex Lickerman

in constructing happy lives. Lickerman’s talk fused the insights from his book with findings from a course he leads at The University of Chicago.

The course, called “The Resilience Project,” teaches students practical ways to implement resiliency into their lives through eight “core interventions.” During his presentation at Lake Forest College, Lickerman expanded upon four of these interventions: “Expect Obstacles,” “Self-explanatory Style,” “Accept Pain,” and “Let Go.”

The first intervention, “Expect Obstacles,” explores how resilience can be learned by becoming immunized to obstacles. Lickerman compared our expectations of obstacles to that of lifting a weight. If someone lifts a 60-lb. weight expecting it to be 10 pounds, he will approach the task with 10 pounds of

force and fail to lift the weight. But if he expects difficulty, he will exert enough force to handle the weight.

“Self-explanatory Style,” according to Lickerman, is a person’s way of explaining why things happen. These stories tend to either attribute failure to intrinsic flaws (i.e. “I’m a bad test taker”) or attribute failure to a particular behavior (i.e. “I did not study enough for that test”). Lickerman explained that these explanations are never entirely true, but they directly impact our moods.

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Despite that, Stevens is definitely voting. “It’s important, even in a situation like this, to voice your opinion and vote so the worst of those two choices doesn’t get into office.”

Gayle said, “The American system requires you to make compromises or strategies before you vote. We ask people to make deals in their heads and their hearts.”

Some students agree with this sentiment. “I will vote for a third-party because the two top candidates don’t interest me,” Bridget Deguia ’18 said. “The election is a joke.”

Stevens expressed frustration “knowing that the bipartisan style of government we have is forcing us to choose between these two not-great candidates. I feel sad that our country has gotten to this point where we are weighing our options between two candidates that the majority of the United States doesn’t feel comfortable backing.”

Others see one candidate as definitively more favorable than the other. Daniela Amos ’18 said, “I was not initially that supportive of Hillary Clinton, but I don’t think there’s a question that Donald Trump is not a good person.” She said, “He has shown instances of racism, Islamophobia, xenophobia, bragging about sexual assault, and that’s not acceptable. Hillary Clinton has her flaws, but she demonstrates a much more humane side.”

Gayle said she has never experienced an elec-



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tion where candidates were expressing such unpleasant statements about one another.

“Tempers are raw, phrases are ugly, insults are abounding in the public arena,” Gayle said. “I’ve never seen that ugliness on our campus.”

Amos expressed similar sentiments. “I’m an international student, so this is the first time I’ve lived in the U.S. during an election,” Amos said. “At times, it seems like a show. People are unhappy with the candidates, and it’s concerning to see the way the discussions are framed because of the rhetoric of Donald Trump. In general, people don’t believe in their own importance to vote.”

Gayle is optimistic about students’ understanding the gravity of voting in this year’s election. “People seem pretty responsible,” Gayle said. “There’s not a lot of bravado, and students are taking this quite seriously.”

Talk on Resilience

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Rather than blaming experiences on internal or external problems, “Go after an explanation that changes your life story,” said Lickerman.

Lickerman’s third intervention is “Accept Pain.” Pain, he said, is necessary for human survival. Yet although pain protects us, we often run from it. This tendency to escape unpleasant feelings is paradoxical. “In avoiding legitimate pain, we end up causing far more suffering,” said Lickerman. “When you accept your feelings and acknowledge that you can handle them, you will be able to accomplish things that, right now, you can’t imagine possible.”

Finally, Lickerman discussed the intervention called “Let Go.” Inspired by the Buddhist tenet of impermanence, this intervention is aimed at helping people successfully handle loss. “The key to getting over a loss is to let go of it in your heart,” he said. In even the most tragic cases of loss, acceptance precedes healing. “We do recover, we just don’t think we will,” he said.

Lickerman’s resiliency course has been shown to have tremendous effects on mental health. In one study mentioned during the presentation, participants scored 40 percent less depressed and 52 percent less anxious after taking the year-long course with Lickerman. These results are nearly identical to the results patients experience taking anxiety and depression medication.

Lake Forest College plans to implement its own Resiliency Program on campus over the course of the year. This speaking event was the initiator for a campus-wide discussion on resilience, which will continue through the Health and Wellness Center, The Career Advancement Center, and future campus events.



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Revisiting the Party Almost One Year Later

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Last fall, while checking Facebook one night, I found a number of questionable photos of Lake Forest students dressed in mock Native American outfits for a party. On November 21, 2015, Dean of Students Robert Flot sent an email to the student body with expressed concern for the “racially insensitive and tasteless” costumes worn.

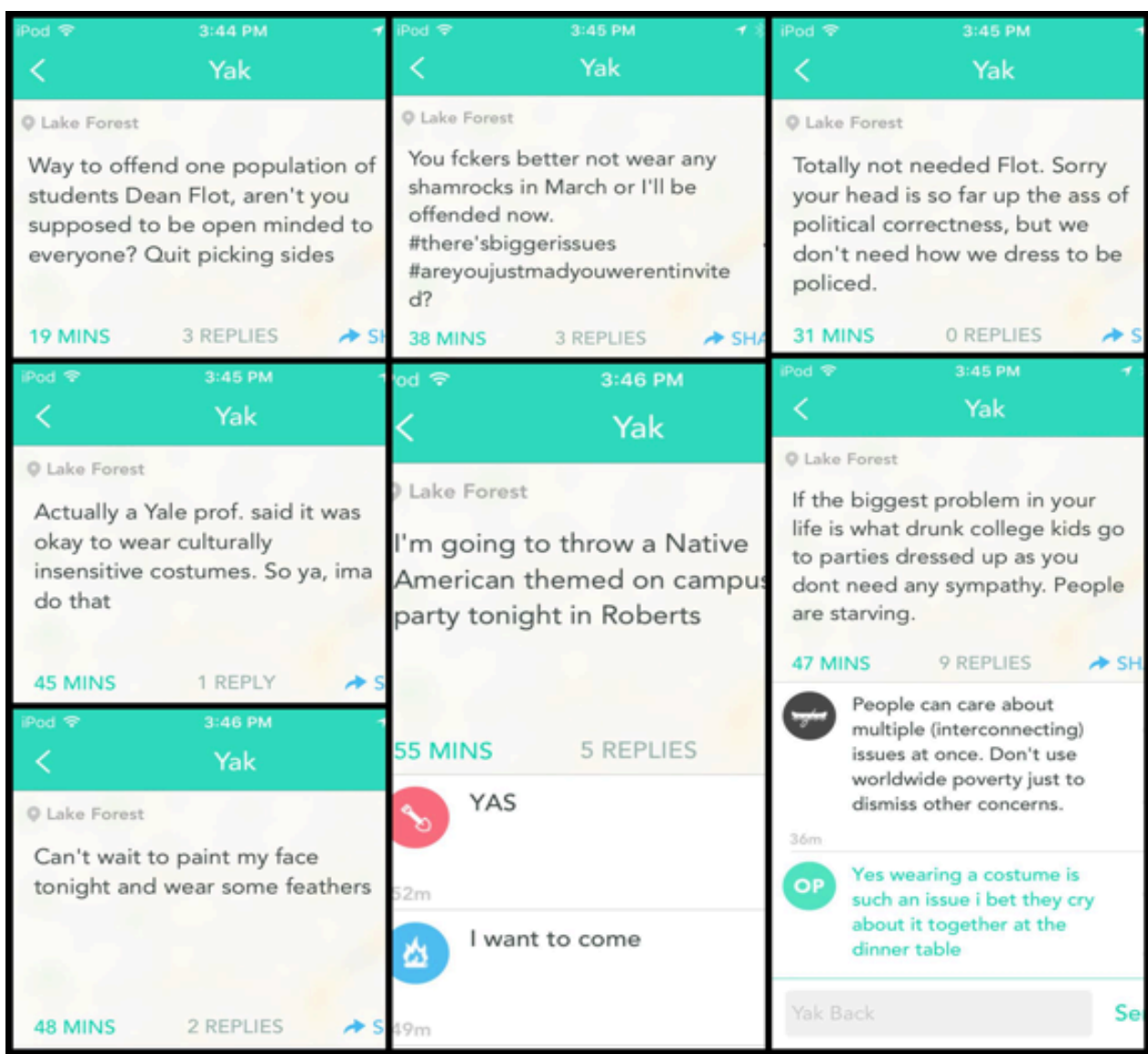
Shown in a few of the Yik Yak responses, the email was not universally agreed upon. I wondered why that was the case. If groups of people were marginalized for public display in costumes that misrepresented their culture and undermine their accomplishments, why would it be deemed offensive?

Professor of Sociology and Anthropology David Boden said cultural appropriating “becomes problematic when done unquestionably. When it becomes a style and removed from culture, the meaning of the representation is lost. Historical accuracy is not offensive, but re-symbolizing is.”

Furthermore, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology Christopher Todd Beer said, “For most of American history, it has been deemed okay. Now it’s deemed not okay. These types of things were permitted because they were used to degrade other groups as caricatures. These were tools of white power, because degrading another group to make them appear as savages and buffoons makes it seem okay to prevent them from having full citizenship.”

The professors described the offense caused by cultural appropriation, but I wondered why some of the students react defensively. “Culture says it is ok,” Boden said.

“People can be shocked because they



Photos taken by Louisa Van Akkren '18 of some student body responses.

believe they are not doing more than what they see in general culture. People respond defensively because if we keep acting this way, it will be okay. To force change means that people will fight back.”

Beer explained the significance of such responses. “People’s initial response to an aggressive attack of people objectifying a group will be responded with an attack,” he said. “If you can approach people with an opportunity to learn,

talk to them privately instead of calling them out in public. By doing that, you give them an opportunity to learn.”

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Dangerous Animals on the Prowl Around Campus

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Living in the heavily wooded suburb of Lake Forest, it’s not uncommon to see woodland creatures running around. However, not all of the animals frequently seen around campus are as harmless as the cute, frolicking squirrels. There are dangerous animals, such as raccoons and opossums, that pose a real threat to students on campus.

Most encounters with the dangerous animals are had at night. This is when the nocturnal animals are awake and about. Sophia Roumelioti '20 said, “I feel like I need to watch out, and I’m always on edge especially late at night, because I can’t see the animals very well in the dark.”

Many students feel this way. Jamie Pineda '20 recently encountered some raccoons at night. “Some areas of campus are not as well-lit as others,” she said. “You find a lot of animals in

those areas, and it can be scary. Five raccoons stared me down and almost attacked me behind Nollen.” Ever since that incident, Pineda tends to avoid the back entrance of Nollen Hall at night unless she has a flashlight or is with friends.

Raccoons and opossums aren’t the only

“ I feel like I need to watch out, and I’m always on edge especially late at night. ”

dangerous animals found on campus. Fernand Qvyjt '20 had a close call with a coyote. Upon leaving Nollen Hall via the back entrance, he found himself face-to-face with the animal. “Without any hesitation, I shut the door and went out the front entrance. It was frightening,” Qvyjt said.

Not all of the animals encountered on campus are dangerous, though. The squirrels around

campus tend to avoid students, and the deer tend to simply want to graze in the grassy areas on Middle Campus. “They won’t bother you if you don’t bother them,” Pineda said. “They just want to exist, just like us.”

According to the non-profit organization Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, most of the animals on campus, including the dangerous ones, typically won’t attack anyone unless provoked.

As the days grow shorter and darker, you might start to see more of these animals prowling about after sundown. While they might not all be dangerous, it’s probably better to be cautious and try to avoid them. To stay safe, try traveling in groups, using the better lit entrances to buildings, and using the flashlight feature on your phone while in darker areas on campus.

“I love this campus, but living in the woods, I feel like we need to watch out because of these animals,” Roumelioti said.

Humans of Lake Forest: Hacob Parsamyan '20

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Stentor: Do you have any hidden talents that most people don't know about?

Parsamyan: At my old school, I was a Model United Nations panelist. We held a wide variety of discussions and debates focusing on political and other global issues and how they affect nations. I've been a participant of various conferences around the world. An example of a conference that I planned was a social justice conference in the UK.

I also organised a leadership camp in Armenia, and we participated in interesting projects to develop Armenian children's English skills because those children do not always get an opportunity to learn English. We tried to encourage the children to speak English through games and other fun activities.

I love computer programming and I have produced web designs on different websites. I had my own online radio station in Armenia with about 4,000 listeners, and my Facebook page had 30,000 likes. Through the radio station, we organized interesting activities with clues placed around the city. Then, people in my own radio station had to go to find them. It was a really cool thing, and I enjoyed it.



Stentor: Can you tell me a fun fact about yourself?

Parsamyan: I spent my 17th birthday at the airport in Rome, Italy. I was in Rome for a week, participating in the Rome Model United Nations 2015 Conference. My flight back to the UK was on the day of my birthday, and because I could not get convenient transportation, I had to go to the airport 12 hours before my flight. Therefore, I had to stay in the airport for half of the day, celebrating my birthday all alone.

Stentor: What do you love the most about Lake Forest College?

Parsamyan: I really love the people here. They are so friendly, and they are always smiling. I'm not surprised that we are the 17th happiest school in the Princeton Review ranking. I love the community and the staff members.

We also have so many opportunities that we can access

through the Center for Chicago Programs. The other thing is that there are so many offices—such as the Career Advancement Center, Quantitative Resource Center, and the Writing Center—that are readily available to assist us with anything that we might need. I also love the location of the school—it's close to Lake Michigan and the city. It just seems like a very cool environment.

Stentor: What are some accomplishments that you are proud of?

Parsamyan: I am so proud of graduating from United World Colleges' (UWC) Atlantic College, getting a full scholarship and...being part of the UWC movement. I also presented a speech in The House of the Lords Parliament about my UWC high school in the UK. I was an operator of a UWC alumni fund for the UWC Atlantic College, which raised more than £15,000 in five days. I really felt like I gave back for the scholarship they awarded me initially when I joined the college.

Revisiting the Party

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Beer continued: "If they refuse to acknowledge what they're doing is inappropriate, they must deal with circumstances. It is a freedom of

choice, but people have a right to declare against your choices. There is freedom of choice and a freedom to react." Freedom of choice does not necessarily mean the limitations

of such power are defined.

When discussing costumes choices, Beer said, "The anger is confusion about freedom of speech and what's appropriate. If you want to, you can, but you have to be responsible for the actions of your choices. The people who get angry when called out may use excuses that they were having fun and, in doing so, remove the history of power in this country. They forget about this. These costumes are for sale so people confuse their availability with their appropriateness."

Shortly after the "Pocahontas and John Smith" party, Louisa Van Akkren '18 posted a collage of anonymous posts concerning the incident. Close to one year later, as she looked back at her post, she explained her thoughts on the matter.

"My hopes are that people have educated themselves on the issues since last year and chose not to wear culturally insensitive

costumes," Van Akkren. "Since I don't think that will happen, I hope those who are educated on the topic will call their friends out if they see them wearing costumes that perpetuate harmful stereotypes."

"I definitely do not [regret] calling out those yik yaks, as it helped start a conversation about race on our campus," she said. "I would still call it out today if I saw it."

Cultural appropriation is a societal problem, but that does not mean there is no room for learning and understanding. "I would like to believe the students didn't intend any harm and that it was of sheer ignorance," Boden said.

As Van Akkren posted, "Before you go to a party where you dress up in a caricature of marginalized groups of people, think about where those stereotypes come from, and why they were implemented. These types of things hurt more people than you realize."



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Donald Trump Has a Better Chance Than You Think

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Many people are assuming that there is absolutely no way Donald Trump will win the 2016 presidential election. I believe Donald Trump has the best chance of taking control of this great country. Many people believe that Trump will not win because of the results of all of the different polls put out by a high volume of media sources. According to RealClearPolitics.com's polling data, which takes an average of all major news outlets' polling data and averages them, it shows Hillary with a comfortable lead over Trump.

I discourage you from relying on this information for two reasons: one, being there is a stigma surrounding Trump supporters which describes them as bigoted, racist, sexist, and xenophobic. Many supporters, or would-be supporters, want to avoid being associated with these terms, and may not vote due to that fear alone. This provides discrepancies within the polls due to unreliable data.

The second reason not to take the polls as ultimate undeniable truth is due to the multiple reports and private emails explicitly that the pro-liberal media, in efforts with the Clinton campaign, has been oversampling likely



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Democratic voters to increase the percentage of votes counting for Clinton. A huge factor that led me to believe that Trump has the best chance to win the election was what renowned American University history professor Allan Lichtman has predicted. Lichtman, who has correctly predicted the next president in EVERY election since 1984, believes Trump will be victorious. Hearing this from an academic who has never been wrong, who

even picked George H. W. Bush when he was down 15 points, makes this sound extremely promising for Trump.

An additional reason Trump has an unbelievable chance at winning this can be seen by looking at the amount of passion supporters show about voting for "their" candidate. Do you see people of the masses that are truly passionate and excited about voting for Hillary Clinton? I say no.

Bernie Sanders supporters showed passion and excitement, but for Hillary, it seems her voters aren't very enthusiastic. Her record so far more than likely will result in a huge loss of would-be voters. On the other hand, Trump has people going nuts for him. It reminds me of the excitement Obama supporters expressed in 2008. This excitement was seen in his gigantic rallies across America with people chanting, "Yes we Can!" And "Change!" This time, it is Trump supporters echoing his "Make America Great

Again!" and "Build the Wall!"

Finally, Trump has been strategically speaking to the most likely voters, the people who are, what I like to call, "the hurting class." He has promised to help the people, formerly known as the middle class who have been negatively affected by the declining available factory jobs in the U.S. The "hurting class" sees who hates Trump: The elitists, the small group that controls a huge concentration of power. Corporate America hates Trump. Wall Street hates Trump. The career politicians definitely hate Trump. All of the powerful groups of people, those who have put the "hurting class" of America in the situation they are in now, hate Trump.

So what will the "hurting class" do come Election Day? They have the ability to invoke the biggest upheavals of American politics of all time by putting Donald Trump in the White House.



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We're Doomed 2016



Obamacare (the wonderful program it is) was designed to fail from the very start, Clinton allegedly wants to implement a government controlled healthcare system with no third parties involved (That's socialism!). Moreover, our justice system will falter and hold no integrity in conducting investigations after Clinton amazingly dodged conviction federal crimes. Not only will we have a criminal for a president, we will have Bill Clinton, an alleged rapist on multiple charges, most likely assume a governmental position as well. Two of her top advisers, John Podesta and Huma Abedin will also be in positions of power being given direct orders by someone they both stated "has terrible instincts," according to Wikileaks email dumps.

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This may be one of the most groundbreaking political events since the birth of the United States. Regardless of your candidate of choice, this country will be in for a rough couple of years, and we, as college students are along for the ride.

Unfortunately, this horrific election is taking place right now, and it is hard to ignore the unforeseen consequences of either candidate's victory. I'll take you through a few situations that can take place in the coming times of electoral process: Hillary Clinton can (hopefully) still be in-

dicted of federal charges, meaning she'll promptly be impeached. The Clinton foundation can be exposed for multiple scandals and donor violations.

Donald Trump gets indicted for sexual abuse and rape allegations, resulting in impeachment. We can lose national sovereignty, fall as the world's unipolar power, become a police state, assume socialist, government-controlled healthcare, and plunge ourselves into even more debt by building a ridiculous wall.

The next four years will change what it means to be American; our nationalistic values, cultural norms, foreign relations, and global economic value all are at risk of being altered, and that could pose huge

problems for our society and societies across the globe alike. For example, if we follow Hillary Clinton's lead on pursuing engagements with Russia, it may be too late to build a nuclear bunker. For whatever reason this sociopath believes going after Russia will achieve, it will not end well; contrary to mainstream media, Russia wants to uphold relations with the U.S. and has no interest in the election, but sent a message recently after testing their new rocket, "Satan 2."

Since nothing can compare to a nuclear war and ensuing fallout, the rest of these possibilities won't sound as bad. It was recently exposed that

Moving on, I find it disturbingly difficult to garner support for someone who has been involved with as many scandals, allegations, and violations like Clinton. Not to mention, she publicly supports relations with Saudi Arabia, a notorious epicenter for human rights' violations, outright abuse of women, and barbaric governmental/religious legislature. Remember, Clinton is an advocate for women's rights, right? With all that being said, check the facts, and determine for yourself how the next few years are going to be.

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THINGS TO DO IN CHICAGO THANKSGIVING

Content by Maribelle Gomez '18

Events to check out this Thanksgiving Break



01 CHRISTKINDL MARKET

Daley Plaza
November 18- December 24

Inspired by a German market, this place offers a lot of authentic food, drinks, and sweets. The smell of sweets will pull you in from a block away. There are always a lot of people around enjoying the atmosphere

02 THANKSGIVING PARADE

State St.
November 24th

Runs from 8 am to 11 am. There are floats and bands, it's a great time. Going to the parade is a great way to start the day before you go home and stuff yourself.



03 TURKEY DAY RUN

North Pond, Lincoln Park
November 24th

What better way to start the holiday than with a 5K or 8K race? Proceeds and donations from the race benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository.



04 ZOOLIGHTS

Lincoln Park Zoo
November 25- January 1

The zoo is always has free admittance, and it's always a good time. During the winter, the Zoolights are something that you should experience at least once. There are special glasses to look at the lights with and ice skating, there's even a nightly ice carving.



15 Songs That Should Be On Your Playlist

Content by Angelena Dal Porto '18

We are constantly surrounded by music and listen to it on a daily basis, but sometimes your playlist can get repetitive and boring. Here are 15 songs you should be listening to right now, old and new!

1

“I’m Not Famous” by AJR is a great anthem to jam to and super relatable.

2

“Outta Time” by Natalia Kills is smooth and groovy

3

“Peanut Butter Jelly” by Galantis is perky, upbeat, and will put you in such a good mood

4

MisterWives’s single “Same Drugs” is beautiful and heartfelt and pairs with number 5

5

“If Only” shows off Gin Wigmore’s hauntingly raspy and strong vocals

6

Something guaranteed to get your foot tapping is Marianas Trench’s “Burning Up”

7

The bubblegum-pop style of “Get Down” by Jess Kent will also get your foot tapping

8

For any new romances we have Kat Dahlia’s “I Think I’m in Love”

9

Demi Lovato’s “Body Say” is another new romance song

10

For any recent heartbreaks there’s “We Won’t”, sung by Jaymes Young and Phoebe Ryan

11

Lone Bellow’s “You Never Need Nobody” is another heartbreak song

12

“Bones” by The Honeyrunners is best listened to loud

13

The Chainsmokers and Halsey with “Closer”

14

“Cold Water” by Major Lazer, Justin Bieber, and MØ

15

“Dyin’ to Live” by Smallpools is another song that you need to listen to blasting on your speakers

New album lookout: Bastille’s “Wild World” is fresh and diverse, it’s hard to pinpoint the specific sound. My song recommendations from their new album are: Good Grief, Warmth, Blame, Snakes, Shame, and Send Them Off!

Third Party Candidates Lead Polls With Stoners, the Uninformed, and Own Families

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As the votes pour in and the final polls get counted, they show a sharp increase in support for third-party candidates like Gary Johnson and Jill Stein.

Dr. Jill Stein has carried the stoners for most of the election, most likely because they thought the Green Party had more to do with weed than it actually does. Recent polls, however, have shown that more and more stoners are switching over to the Libertarian Party candidate, Gary Johnson.

When asked “why” during the polling process, their response was, “Why? Are you a cop? You’re not a cop, right? You have to tell me if you’re a cop.”

The stoner vote carries weight in many places like Colorado, California, and your aunt and uncle’s basement where your cousin still lives even though he is a 27-year-old—get it together, Darrick!

But what is more surprising is that in



these final polls, there has been a return of support for Gary Johnson by his family. Since August, polls had shown that Johnson’s family had switched their support to other, more popular, political parties, leaving Johnson with little internal support, crippling his campaign for several weeks in mid-September.

Some analysts have credited this factor to Johnson’s inability to remember any foreign leaders’ names, claiming he was too distraught over his partner, Kate Prusack,

abandoning his party. Other political analysts credited this blunder to Johnson “just not being very good at running for president.”

This resurgence of support from his family, as well from a substantial amount of the stoners, is surely going to be ineffective in the election.

The largest group supporting these candidates is the uninformed, a group that has been speculated to be anywhere from 9 percent of the electorate to a whopping everyone. This group includes people from all

walks of life, from UFO conspiracy theorists, to the women in California who think vaccines are bad for you because a B-list celebrity said so on television.

However, there is much debate on what makes a voter uninformed. Many Trump and Clinton supporters claim their opponent’s supporters are uninformed. But they at least knew about their own candidate. Sixty percent of Jill Stein supporters were unaware that she was a doctor, and 95 percent of Johnson supporters were unaware that he was a man.

In response to questions about the debate, most of the uninformed didn’t know what it was, or made a joke about being a “master-debater,” in some crude attempt to make sexual pun on the presidential election.

Even as these three groups give their support to the third-party candidates, we must remember that, in the end, these politicians have nowhere near enough support to win this election. And regardless of whether you go third party or vote for a major party, this election has been just another giant sexual pun.

That Guy Who Talks Politics At Parties Strikes Again

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That guy, whose name everyone on campus made efforts to forget, expressed himself politically to the attendees at a Halloween party and created a tense atmosphere amongst partygoers. It all started when he walked into a party dressed in a suit that was too small for him.

“I asked him what he was for Halloween, and he said he was the shrinking middle class,” said Sonya, a senior dressed as a schoolgirl. “I laughed because I thought it was a clever costume, and he just said ‘It’s always funny until you’re stuck paying for the financial mess the baby boomers leave you.’”

“That guy” continued to spread his political views on everyone at the party, covering a span of topics from the Iran deal to Kylie Jenner’s third ex boy toy. Occasionally, the conversations would lull just long enough to create an uncomfortable moment.

“I had a cup full of Jim Beam in my hand, and ‘that guy’ comes up to me and just snags it and throws it into a bag,” said Stephen, a sophomore dressed as a baked potato. “He was telling people he was doing it because the workers are on strike and that he

does not want to be a product of dirty capitalism.”

At other points during the night, “that guy” would interrupt innocent conversations to push political points and shame people’s ideals.

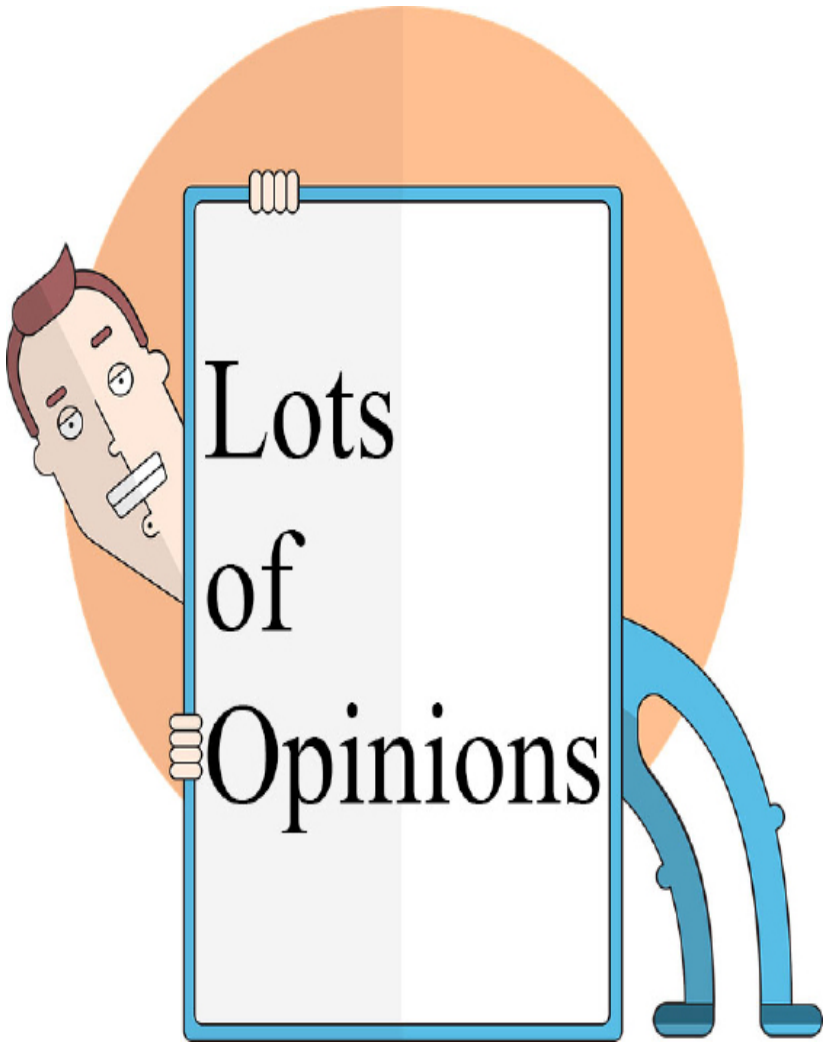
“All we were doing was discussing Stranger Things, when ‘that guy’ just pushes into our conversation and says ‘You have theories on why people don’t give a shit about Barb, but you don’t have any idea how the U.S. will pay its \$19.5 trillion debt?’” said

Rich, a junior dressed as a Powerpuff Girl. “Then he just went on and on about how we didn’t know anything about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Syrian children dying and the whole thing with Anthony Weiner’s penis; it was just a lot.”

The partygoers were beginning to feel tense around “that guy,” and the tension reached its peak when he clamored on the beer pong table mid-game to address the crowd.

“When he first started talking, I was really tense, but then he started calling us ‘uneducated undecided swine’ and said that ‘Trump will be a disaster to this country.’ That’s when everyone yelled, ‘We fucking know already,’” said Sonya. “I guess people were just tired of all his political spew when we just wanted to get completely trashed before Monday morning.”

After “that guy’s” address, he was never seen again. But the lesson remains: no one should be like “that guy” on Election Day. So, for once, just let us get shit-faced without having to think about what’s going on. That is our secret; we KNOW what is going on. Why else do you think we want to get shit-faced today and possibly the next four years?



Everyday Is A Debate: Facebook Profiles of Candidate Supporters

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This that joyous time of year when you learn via Facebook that your cousin's ex-boyfriend is super politically engaged, and by super politically engaged we mean well-informed in click-bait articles and politically incorrect memes.

The best part about Facebook profiles is that you know immediately whom that person is voting for based on a few key components. This means that you can automatically judge that person to the proper degree based upon a quick glance of their social media site.

"The Flag and Power Point" photo is the most recognizable of all political indicators on Facebook. This indicator originated at Dartmouth University in 2003, and has since been implemented into almost everyone's social media sites.

Its distinguishing elements are, of course, an American flag and a group of youths pointing harshly towards the camera. Add points for red cups, discount beer cans, Chubby brand shorts, and snapbacks. The higher the points, the more likely these constituents are going to vote for Jill Stein and the Green Party, because nothing says "I care about the environment" more than posing cheaply made beverage containers.

A Facebook page full of article links to Tasty videos and pictures of baked goods means the dire worst—they are write-in voters. Instead of choosing one of the two exquisite and perfect candidates, they will be choosing someone fictional or part of the illuminati. They will scrawl "Pedro" or "Kanye" on their ballots. Do not get in a political discussion with this person. They are

way too into politics and will talk your ear off with all the information they've gathered!

If you do happen to get into a discussion, there is one comment they may leave that is essentially a social media grenade: "I hope we can all just get along in the future #worldpeace." They are monsters.

When it comes down to the real winners of the Facebook debate, you have to give it up for the truly informed—who post statistics constantly that everyone knows are extremely accurate since they come from the Internet. They are the people who mention the necessity of funding important projects like NASA's travels to Jupiter, and how America is the best state in the world. These people are the backbone of the electoral system. Their

status about voting both excites us and reminds us that America can indeed be spelled without an A and with a U in the place of an E.

Thank you to these people for their constant stream of information on Facebook, and their comments about politics posted on distant relative's selfies. How else would we ever know the true platforms of the candidates? These are the supporters, the incredible, wonderful supporters of Harambe for President. He was, in fact, gone too soon.

Is it really fair to decide a winner in the great Facebook debate? Who's to say? The only thing that is certain is that Facebook is definitely a place for politics, and everyone and everything on the Internet is truly informed.



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Man Votes; It Matters

Matt is a regular guy. He has a job. He loves his dog. He says "no homo" unnecessarily after regular male-to-male interactions. He's a regular guy. But Matt... Matt voted. And it mattered.

It was Matt's first election voting. He finally registered to vote online a few months after his girlfriend reminded him to do so.

On Election Day, he went to the polling place. He only knew where to go because his mom texted him the address. He didn't know who would win, but figured we'd be all right no matter the outcome.

"The economy will just fluctuate, no matter which party is in charge, right?" he thought. Matt liked to think he was an informed voter. He picked whichever local candidate had the cooler name of the two.

He didn't vote for any women. Except Hillary. Matt voted for Hillary because he wasn't a racist. Matt also liked the fact that Hillary didn't want to sexually assault anyone. Matt remembered back to a time in the soccer locker room when he and his friends talked about a girl's ass. It definitely wasn't the same.

So Matt felt good about his vote. Matt wore his "I Voted Today" sticker around all day. He

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posted a picture of it on Snapchat with the caption, "#adulging."

Matt felt like he had done a good thing, so he treated himself by skipping class and watching "The Apprentice" reruns on television. After falling asleep in front of the TV, he woke up at 9:00 p.m. After watching the Snapchat stories of the people who didn't annoy him, scrolling

through Instagram for seven minutes, refreshing once, and responding to the text his mom sent to him six hours prior...he remembered that the election results would be finalized soon.

He flipped to Fox News to see what was going on. He'd always liked Fox News; his parents always watched it. The newscasters were discussing the electoral college votes. Matt remembered back to his high school government class.

"What was the electoral college again?" he wondered. He knew what college was. Matt is, after all, a college student, the future of America. He was going to Google it on his phone, but forgot to do so after opening a Snapchat message from a pretty girl he'd met in his psychology lab. He left the one from his girlfriend unopened.

Matt looked back up at the TV just as a winner had been declared. Matt was okay with it. Matt was glad he voted. No matter the result, he felt like he'd done a good thing. Matt thought to himself that he loved living in a democracy. A democracy where the people choose the leaders. He was thankful for the power of his vote.

The Candidates: Pros and Cons

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Election day is upon us! Before you race on over to the polls, to conduct the most heart-wrenching and futile vote of your life, it's important that you weigh the costs and benefits of each candidate. Lucky for you, I'm here to share the juicy factoids that could help you change your support from the worst candidate to the slightly less terrible one! Let's go!

Donald Trump

Pro: His tiny hands make it harder for him to press a detonation button. That'll help us avoid a lot of nuclear wars.

Con: Very susceptible to wind and having his hair get blown away.

Pro: He loves China. He also "beats China all the time," but nobody knows what that means.

Con: He doesn't have a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame anymore.

Pro: He's best buddies with Vladimir Putin. They hang out a lot.

Con: The fact that he has his own tower pretty much confirms that he's a super villain bent on taking over the world.

Pro: He has his own line of hats.

Con: Most likely bathes in children's tears, and the sweat of his workers.

Pro: Trump Tower Grill has the best Taco Bowls around!

Con: He has been frequently compared to "Dr. Evil," or an ear of corn.

Pro: Big time Television Star. Huuuuge.

Con: He was very mean to our buddy Jeb Bush and made him cry.



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Hillary Clinton

Pro: She's really good at lying.

Con: ...She's really good at lying.

Pro: She knows how to speak reptilian, and can communicate with demons from outer-realms. We can use these skills in future, spell-based, wartime endeavors.

Con: She's suspected to be an android.

Pro: Very, very down with the dank memes of today.

Con: She can steal the souls of mortals with her wide eyed smile.

Pro: BILL, BILL, BILL.

Con: Will attempt to "whip" and "nae-nae" at inappropriate times.

Pro: She's good at removing clutter from her emails!

Con: Will drop most of her presidential budget on \$600 haircuts.

Pro: She can rock a pantsuit. She'll always look fly AF on camera.

Con: Doesn't have as wild of hand gestures as Trump or Bernie. She's not as funny to watch.

So there you have it guys. These are the big points that I personally think we should all consider before making our ultimate choice on Election Day. It's been a long campaign season, and at this point, I'm sure everyone has had enough of the slander, the scandals, and the scams. Let's get this election underway, and end the pain we've all been feeling as audience members to Trump and Hillary's wacky antics. Let us not forget, we brought this shit-storm of cringiness upon ourselves.

Founding Fathers From the Grave: "No, Not Like That!"

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It has been reported that during Halloween weekend, the corpses of America's founding fathers were lurking around campus, moaning, "We already made America great, now shut up so we can sleep!"

It was a normal Halloween weekend on campus, and everyone was getting ready for a night of party hopping, because obviously one has to make several stops before hitting the Halloween ACP. The fishnets of naughty nurse costumes were sliding on, the millennials were perfectly positioning their emoji costumes, and the gory kids were applying their wounds and fake blood in many coats. Music could be heard echoing throughout the campus, shots of "Beetle Juice" were being taken, and "Spooky Dirt Brownies" were being eaten left and right.

In everyone's quest to reach a festive oblivion, no one noticed the decayed founding fathers

roaming about campus screaming "Why?????" This inattention is unfortunate, as I'm sure they didn't make the trip from their East Coast burial sites for their own health (being dead and all). Luckily, this

to be a lightning rod, therefore his bust need not be anywhere near it, I got him to explain why he was here. Ben proceeded to say: "Well, at first we were just rolling in our graves. You know,

parts under there and that just won't do under my dead watch."

When catching up with George Washington and asking him how he felt about the election, he said: "If the freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter," but he further elaborated that at this point, he'd rather "shove my finest powdered wig into [Trump's] mouth so he'd shut up already!" The conversation was going great until it took a turn for the worse when he asked me to help him pick some crops in the garden behind Glen Rowan, which I took as my cue to leave.

The most interesting of all might have been finding Alexander



reporter was on the scene and more sober than a public safety officer to catch the scoop.

First, I was able to catch up with Benjamin Franklin, who seemed to be mildly distracted by the spinning metal contraption out in front of the library and Hotchkiss Hall. After convincing him that it wasn't intended

we thought that would suffice, but when we realized people were really considering either Trump the idiot or Hillary, we thought, crap I guess we have to do something."

When I further pressed Ben as to why he disliked Hillary, he proceeded to lean in close and whisper, "I know Hillary wears pants, but there's lady

Hamilton lurking outside the entrance to the Center for Chicago Programs. When I asked him what about the election made him rise from the grave, he proceeded to look puzzled and say, "Look, I'm just trying to get some free tickets to see my show. One hundred million dollars they make and I'm not seeing a single cent!"

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Lake Forest College Foresters Football Team

Defeats Knox College in a 55-17 Effort

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After an incredible game against Knox College on Saturday, October 29, Joey Valdivia '17 and Alex Pasiewicz '17 were named Midwest Conference Offensive and Special Teams Performers of the Week—and this is not the first time. Combined, Valdivia and Pasiewicz have earned awards seven times for their incredible athleticism on the field.

As of presstime, Valdivia led the nation with 28 total touchdowns and 1,422 rushing yards this year, while Pasiewicz led the nation with three kickoff return touchdowns. Pasiewicz also ranked sixth among NCAA Division III players with 31.3 yards per kickoff return and 39th with 10.0 yards per return on punts. Against Knox, he achieved three kickoffs for a total of 79 yards and led all players in the contest with eight catches, 144 receiving yards, and 271 all-purpose yards.

Valdivia, on the other hand, carried the ball a total of 14 times but rushed for 203 yards and six touchdowns that day. Additionally, he caught two passes for 21 yards and scored on runs of 45, 33, and 21 yards in the



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first quarter. In the second quarter, Valdivia scored on one run from 14 yards out. He added an eight-yard run in the third quarter before sitting out the game's final 20 minutes.

There were several other noteworthy plays that game. Quarterback Jagan Cleary '19 hit 19 of 24 pass attempts for 274 yards in the game. This season alone, Cleary has racked up 2,093 passing yards to earn the fifth rank in team history, his 79.2 completion percentage on

the day reaching a new program record.

Safety R.J. Pompey '18 led the Lake Forest defense with nine tackles while linebacker Riley Buncic '20 responded next with a career-high eight. Linebacker John Laponte '20 finished with seven stops, as did linebacker Joe Nitti '17. Tailback Charlie Quinn '17 earned the Foresters final points on a five-yard touchdown run with eight minutes on the clock. Quinn carried

the ball 12 times for 56 yards in the contest and surpassed 2,000 rushing yards for his career. Lake Forest improved to 7-2 overall this season and 5-2 in Midwest Conference play. The Foresters closed out the 2016 season at Grinnell College on Saturday, November 5.

Men's Soccer Team Snatch the Conference Title

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The Lake Forest College men's soccer team has had a successful season so far and is not stopping now. They finished off October with an overall record of 11-7 and 8-1-0 in the Midwest Conference. With such a season, the Foresters worked their way to a 2016 Midwest Conference Championship.

Their success this season will allow the team to compete in the Midwest Conference Tournament with home field advantage to see which team advances to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Tournament. The first round of the NCAA tournament is this Saturday, November.



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being a senior, our class has done a great job leading the younger players and showing them how strong and important our winning tradition is will pay off in future seasons."

The men's soccer team defeated Ripon College with a score of 9-0 on October 30 to clinch the Conference title and end their regular season

competition.

Seton Trostle '18 scored three goals for the Foresters in their win over Ripon. "We started out with high pressure and intensity and put away the chances we had," Trostle said. "We continued to keep the press on after scoring a couple goals and did not let up. We knew that game

was the game that meant winning Conference, and that was all the motivation we needed."

As of presstime, the team moved on to host the four-team Conference tournament to see who will move on to the national level. The four teams are Lake Forest College, Grinnell College, Knox College, and St. Norbert College.

"As seniors, this is our second regular season title and this is our third time playing in the Midwest Conference Tournament with hopes that we will play in our third trip to the NCAA Tournament, but we need to carry this momentum through the MWC Tournament and into the NCAA's if we really want to make a splash," captain Ellis Rutili '17 said.

Jackson said the team has a strong game plan that the players are confident with and committed to. "We are coming off some great performances in our last few games, and if we can keep building this momentum, I believe we will have an excellent post-season run," he said.